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Work and Workers.

THE museum and library of the Palestine Exploration Fund at Jerusalem have been removed from the rooms opposite the Tower of David to the Bishop's Buildings, near the Tombs of the Kings, where the use of a room has been provided for this purpose by the English bishop, Rev. Dr. Blyth.

THE pastor of the Westminster Church of Seattle, Wash., the Rev. Hugh W. Gilchrist, has been elected to the New Testament professorship at the San Francisco Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), to succeed Dr. J. H. Kerr, who recently became publication secretary of the American Tract Society at New York.

THE chair of Hebrew language and literature at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., recently made vacant by the resignation of Professor Charles Horswell, Ph.D., is to be occupied by Rev. F. P. Eislen, thirty years of age, who has been called from the pastorate of the Fifth Street Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

PROFESSOR GEORGE A. BARTON, PH.D., of the chair of biblical literature and Semitic languages at Bryn Mawr College, has been appointed director of the American School of Oriental Research for the year 1902-3, and is now upon the ground. He will have three young men pursuing study under him during the winter.

TWO LOCAL reports at Jerusalem concerning "Solomon's Quarries" were recently shown to be without foundation by Messrs. Macalister and Hornstein. The first report alleged that there was a deflection of the compass inside the cave; the second report was that an unexplored passage of great length led off from the cave at a certain point.

A GREEK inscription, now in the possession of Dr. Wright, of Nablûs, and dating from about the second century A. D., records the burial-place of a Christian woman as follows:

The private tomb of the blessed Doxasia, daughter of Dora and Megalê, whose lives have closed. And [I adjure] the God of these bones, and the mystery of death, and the hour of judgment, that no one here tear either relic or bone out of me.

THE large relief map of Palestine, prepared some years ago by the acting secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, Mr. George Arm-

strong, has performed a most useful service, but is so expensive as to be beyond the reach of most Bible students. In order to give this important map a wider circulation, Mr. Armstrong has now prepared a similar map on a scale of one-half the former size. This will be framed and fully colored, and is promised at a moderate price.

THE American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible (Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York) is now published in a smaller form (bourgeois type) at \$1. In leather binding and on rice paper the prices range up to \$7. The fact that the American Edition has received the almost unanimous approval of all authorities for popular use makes it desirable that the work should be issued in small and cheap form, so that it may be within the reach of all. Then we should have the New Testament printed separately at a nominal price, as is now the case with the Authorized Version and the British Revised Version.

TWO IMPORTANT chairs at the Pacific Theological Seminary (Congregationalist) at Oakland, Calif., have recently been filled. Dr. T. Cowden Laughlin has been made professor of New Testament Greek and exegesis. He is thirty-three years of age and a graduate of Princeton College and Seminary, where for a time he has been instructor in biblical literature. The chair of Old Testament language and literature has been given to Professor William Frederic Bade, who is thirty-one years of age. For six years past he has occupied the chair of Hebrew literature and introduction at the Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa.

THE action of the recent International Sunday School Convention in recommending the use of the American Standard Edition of the Revised Version, and urging that it be procurable through the American Bible Society, is greatly to be commended. The resolution adopted by the convention reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The leading American students of the Bible and publishers of Sunday-school lesson helps favor the use of the American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible; and

WHEREAS, The British and Foreign Bible Society has recently taken action to supply the English Revision of the Bible to those of its patrons who desire it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention memorialize the American Bible Society to take such action as will enable its patrons to secure the American Revised Bible from that society, if they so desire.

ONE of the needs of the present day is the creation of libraries of theological literature which can become available for the use of the

great mass of ministers whose salaries do not permit them to purchase the expensive array of new books in the theological field. These books, however, it is important for the minister to know, and how *he* can secure them for *his* use is the problem to be worked out. A beginning in this direction has been made by the General Theological Library of Boston, which was established in 1860, but of recent years has largely increased the number of its books and its facilities for their use. This library is located at 53 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, and contains some twenty thousand volumes. It is open to the use of members, of all clergymen, and of visiting strangers. It is furnishing, therefore, a local opportunity of great value. But its usefulness has been largely increased by a plan established last year by the directors, which provides that books may be drawn from this Boston library through local libraries in any outside New England towns, the local libraries being made distributing branches. Any minister in these towns can secure books from the library by mail for the simple cost of the postage necessary to send and return the books. And it is also arranged that, in case a clergyman has access to no public library, he may secure books personally direct from the Boston library. As a result, therefore, from now on there will be few in New England who will be without the opportunity to read the best books upon theology as they appear. It is also hoped that low rates of postage will be secured in the near future on library exchange, which will facilitate the circulation of the books. There can be no question that a great field lies before the libraries already established, and also before libraries which in the future may be established, for the carrying out of this kind of work. The ministers of the United States will appreciate the opportunity which is thus placed before them, and will avail themselves of it in greatly increasing numbers.